

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2051

January 19, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Eliminates the exclusion of counties with metropolitan governments from the provision which prohibits motor vehicle towing operators from charging for storage of vehicles for more than 60 days without the consent of the owner or lienholder.
2. Limits the amount towing operators may charge the owner or lienholder of a motor vehicle for preparing and towing a vehicle less than 25 miles to \$50. Also limits the amount they may charge for each motor vehicle stored to \$15 a day.
3. Provides that individuals suffering an ascertainable loss as a result of violation of these provisions may bring action and recover damages.
4. Specifies that a court finding a willful or knowing violation of the provisions may award three times the actual damages and provide other relief it considers necessary such as attorney's fees and costs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes local governments will experience increased expenditures for the costs of hearing such cases and increased revenues from the collection of fees from those filing such cases. These increases are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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